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- (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the inheritance tax on property that passes from a decedent shall be paid, before it is distributed, by the person who distributes the property.
- (2) The person who distributes property that passes from a decedent is liable for the inheritance tax on the property distributed until the tax is paid.
- (3) Unless a decedent specified a source for paying the inheritance tax and there is sufficient money from that source, the court may order sale of property to pay the inheritance tax on the property.
- (b) The inheritance tax on property that passes from a decedent shall be paid by the recipient if:
- (1) the person who distributes the property does not pay the tax as required by subsection (a) of this section; or
- (2) the property passes from the decedent to the recipient without distribution.
- (c) If the property that passes from a decedent is a subsequent interest, the inheritance tax on the property shall be paid:
- (1) by the person by or for whom a prepayment application is made under § 7-219 of this subtitle; or
- (2) if the inheritance tax is not prepaid on the subsequent interest, by the person in whom the property or subsequent interest ultimately vests.
- (d) If property valued or exempt under § 7-211 of this subtitle is disqualified for the special valuation or exemption under § 7-221 of this subtitle, the person who owns the property when the disqualifying event occurs shall pay any additional inheritance tax determined under § 7-221 of this subtitle.

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